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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The following remarks are in reply to the final Office action of 04/23/2007. In light of this reply, reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested under 35 U.S.C. §1.116.

Eight claims (45 and 51-57) were pending in this application. In the above amendment, one claim (45) was cancelled. Accordingly 7 claims (51-57) remain pending for reconsideration.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication in the Interview Summary mailed 05/14/07 that the double patenting rejection of former claim 45 made in the Office action of 05/03/06 would be withdrawn in view of the filing of the terminal disclaimer dated 01/23/2007 and the new power of attorney filed 11/10/2006. However, in view of the cancellation of claim 45 in the above amendment, the basis for the filing of this terminal disclaimer is now moot, and the terminal disclaimer is therefore withdrawn.

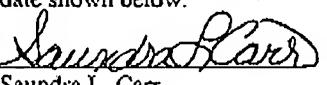
In section 3 of the 04/23/07 Office action, the Examiner indicated that claim 51 is allowable and that the restriction requirement set forth in the Office action mailed on 06/17/2004 is therefore withdrawn as to claims 53-57, for which the Applicant expresses appreciation.

In section 5, claim 45 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hashimoto, US Patent No. 5,442,470, in view of Lee, US Patent No. 5,988,827. However, in light of the above cancellation of claim 45, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is now moot.

In section 7, claims 51-57 were allowed, for which the Applicant expresses appreciation.

In light of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application, including claims 51 – 57, is now in an allowable form. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If there are any questions regarding this Reply, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number indicated below.

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